

U.S. veto makes 'partial' amends for Scranton speech

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

THE CABINET is expected to spend some time today considering the U.S. veto of the Security Council resolution on the Lebanon crisis. The impact of Ambassador Scranton's tough speech was only partly set off by the veto he cast Thursday (see page 4), and ministers will be discussing this and the U.S. Administration's split defence of its decision to sell military transport planes to Egypt.

On Friday, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Rabin told newsmen that the veto had averted a crisis between Jerusalem and Washington. After a hour-long meeting with U.S. Ambassador Malcolm Toon, Mr. Rabin said: "Without the veto there would have been a big crisis, a far-reaching crisis. But thanks to the veto I think the situation has been restored."

Asked if he thought there was a crisis, Mr. Toon laughed and said:

"Not at all." He acknowledged that Mr. Rabin had been unhappy with the Scranton speech.

In an official statement published after the Allon-Toon meeting, the Foreign Ministry expressed Israel's objections to both the timing and the content of Mr. Scranton's speech. They "could have been particularly harmful to the peace process," the statement said.

Earlier, the Foreign Ministry had officially "reiterated the following principles:

1. United and undivided Jerusalem is the eternal capital of Israel.
2. Israel will continue, as in the past, to respect and protect the Holy Places of all faiths.
3. The final, defensible borders between Israel and the neighbouring Arab states will be fixed in peace negotiations. Israel for its part is ready to begin such negotiations tomorrow.
4. Israel will continue to administer the areas justly, fully respecting the rights and welfare of the inhabitants."

for themselves, and as a precedent. Interviewed by CBS News, Ambassador Scranton called on Israel "to at least cease setting up new settlements" in the occupied territories.

In Washington, the Scranton speech is seen as more significant than the veto that followed, in that it aired openly, for the first time in several years, the ongoing dispute between Israel and the U.S.

From London, Mark Segal cables: Israel Ambassador Gideon Rafael on Friday protested strongly to the Foreign Office here at the British vote for the anti-Israel resolution at the Security Council.

Rafael conveyed to Minister of State David Ennals Israel's "surprise and deep disappointment." He regretted that Britain had supported the motion "regardless of the underlying objectives of its sponsors and its offensive factual distortions and its harmful repercussions on the situation in the area."

Two W. Bank left leaders banished

POST M.E. Affairs Correspondent

TWO PROMINENT West Bank leftists were deported yesterday, the authorities saying they were "ring leaders" in the past two months of unrest in Judea and Samaria. The two are Dr. Ahmed Hamzi Natshi, 45, a surgeon, from Hebron; and Dr. Abdul-Aziz Haj Ahmed, 38, a dentist from el-Bireh, the twin town of Ramallah.

The army spokesman said that the two men were expelled beyond the state borders. He gave no further details, but informed sources said the border was the Lebanese one.

Both Natshi and Haj Ahmed were detained on Friday night. Their deportation was held up for a few hours pending court action.

The banishment occurred 25 minutes before High Court Justice Moshe Etzioni was due to look into an application for an injunction at 4 p.m. at his residence at the request of Dr. Natshi's counsel, Mrs. Felicia Langer. As the news of the expulsion was received, Justice Etzioni ordered an inquiry, noting that the Attorney-General had been notified of the application which sought to delay the Defence Ministry to delay the expulsion until it had justified its decision in court.

Meanwhile, scattered disturbances were reported yesterday from Hebron and Bethlehem as well as the Old City of Jerusalem and a school in Gaza. In contrast, quiet returned yesterday in the largest West Bank city — Nablus — where education chiefs reported that about 80 per cent of the local pupils returned to classes after over a month of disruptions.

In Amman, King Hussein last night said that he was "overwhelmed by the upheaval which our brethren have caused in the face of the occupier." In a nation-wide speech, Hussein said that he discussed the West Bank crisis, as well as the Lebanese situation, with Syrian President Hafez Assad during a lightning visit to Damascus on Friday. He said that he had also discussed with Assad the general Middle East situation on the eve of the King's visit to Washington. (He is due to leave this morning for the U.S.).

Hussein said that he would bear recent West Bank events in mind during his visit to the U.S. where, he noted, he would seek to "overcome ambiguities" with regard to the Israel-Arab conflict. He added that current developments, as well as Israel's "intransigence," had motivated his decision to move along with Syria in every possible direction, stressing that the U.S. bears some responsibility towards establishing Middle East and world peace.

Lebanon a 'madhouse'; Christians turn to Syria

By ANAN SAFADI
POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

Syria's President Hafez Assad conferred in Damascus last night with the Lebanese leftist leader, Kamal Junblatt, following veiled Syrian warnings against a leftist takeover in Beirut. In Lebanon, leftist forces — which include radical groupings opposed to Assad's Ba'athist party wing ruling in Damascus — yesterday kept up their military offensive in defiance of Syrian urgings of caution.

Lebanon's chief Christian personalities, President Suleiman Franjeh and Patriarch Khreish, yesterday renewed their appeal to Syria to revive its peace mediation efforts in Lebanon, now described by Arab news media as a "madhouse." Much of the country has been overrun by the leftists, and the Christian leaders said yesterday they were prepared to accept a ceasefire as a prelude to the renewal of the Syrian mediation. This would aim at dividing the administration equally between Christians and Muslims.

In contrast, the leftists vowed to carry on with their "revolution," and demanded the unconditional resignation of President Franjeh. The president was "deposed" early this month by the commander of the Beirut garrison, Brig-Gen. Aziz Abuh, who now seems to have withdrawn into the background.

Junblatt, who was reported to have been accompanied on his Damascus trip by the head of the Palestine Liberation Organization, Yasser Arafat, yesterday threatened to bombard the port township of Junieh, just north of Beirut. President Franjeh fled there on Thursday after his presidential palace, east of the Lebanese capital, had been shelled.

It was not clear last night whether the Syrians would agree to renew mediation efforts, which they have carried out several times during Lebanon's 11-month civil war.

With the situation in Lebanon becoming more grave daily, the Syrians are believed to be considering military intervention.



LEBANESE LEFTIST Kamal Junblatt, left, meets in Beirut on Thursday with PLO heads Abu Ayyad and Yasser Arafat. (AP radiophoto)

The estimated death toll in the civil war was believed to have passed the 15,000 mark, and the number of wounded is said to be "many thousands."

The Lebanese Embassy in Nicosia confirmed last night that hundreds of families have fled from Lebanon to Cyprus in an armada of small boats. A spokesman for the embassy was quoted as emphasizing that the refugees comprised both Christians and Muslims.

The spokesman said that most of the refugees were using Cyprus as a transit port to other Arab states and Europe.

'We won't be second Lebanon,' Sadat warns his opponents

By ANAN SAFADI
POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT Anwar Sadat admitted yesterday that he was currently faced with a political opposition which he accused of trying to instigate acts of sabotage and cause chaos in Egypt.

"But we are not about to become a second Lebanon," he declared, telling the central committee of Egypt's only political party, the Arab Socialist Union, that he was determined to crack down "with an iron fist" on disaffected elements.

The hard-hitting speech reflected the Egyptian leader's concern over opposition to his domestic and external policies, including those on the Middle East.

There are indications that the opposition has been intensified by the Left since Sadat abrogated the Egyptian-Soviet "friendship and co-operation" treaty.

Sadat announced over the weekend that he has rescinded the special arrangement providing the Soviet fleet with privileges at Egypt's Mediterranean ports.

Sadat said he was aware of a re-emergence of centres of power which were exploiting Egypt's shaky economy in the struggle against the regime in Cairo.

"We are being exposed today to conspiratorial-type conduct by hostile elements which are exploiting our economic plight," Sadat said. The Left was taking part in anti-government activities, he said, but he hinted at the same time that the unrest was also being instigated by the disciples of his predecessor Gamal Abdul-Nasser.

Police sources in Cairo mean-



Anwar Sadat delivering his attack on opposition elements yesterday. (UPI)

while reported that they had crushed rioting by some 17,000 textile workers at Domyat, which had gone on for three days. This was the first reported labour unrest in over a year. A total of 27 workers were reported arrested.

Sadat warned dissident circles that he would act with "utmost severity," against further unrest, declaring that he was steering Egypt towards economic rehabilitation. He said that he expected the country would have to live through five lean years, noting that he has just revealed that last year's deficit amounted to \$4,000m. (that is double) as he had erroneously understood from the government recently.

Sadat said that he will not tolerate challenges to his regime, as he turns to the dual task of "liberating occupied Arab land and developing the country."

He doesn't believe we have atom bombs

HAMBURG. — President Anwar Sadat said in an interview released yesterday that he did not believe that Israel has nuclear weapons.

"I believe that they are capable of manufacturing such bombs any time, but I do not believe that they already have them," the Egyptian President told "Der Spiegel" news magazine. He said he saw no possibility for a nuclear arms race in the Middle East.

Gamasy leaves France without arms deal

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — Egyptian War Minister General Abdel Ghanem Gamasy left Paris on Friday after a week-long mission without concluding any of the arms deals on which President Anwar Sadat has been banking.

It seems unlikely that Sadat himself will be able to make any agreements with President Giscard d'Estaing when they meet here during a 24-hour visit next weekend.

Gamasy's mission was to enlist French aid in setting up an Egyptian arms industry to supply the Arab League armed forces; to buy French Mirage F-1 fighter-bombers and Alar power plants to re-engineer Egypt's Mig-21s, and to find out whether France offers better terms for the Dassault-Dornier Alpha-jet trainer than its British competitor the Hawker-Siddeley Hawk.

The French are reluctant to make any long-term commitments to Egypt which could harm relations with other Arab countries or put too heavy a strain on French industrial resources. Defence Minister Yvon Bourges highlighted his cautious attitude by telling Gen. Gamasy as he saw him off at Orly Airport: "The programme and the definition of objectives will be spread out over several years. We have gone over during our talks the precise needs of the Egyptian armed forces and what France can do to participate. This will be related to the needs of the army and air force."

Bourges said French personnel would not work on the \$86m. project to build an Egyptian arms industry for the time being.

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Truckers on strike today

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

EL AVIV. — The Trucking Board is holding a 12-hour work stoppage at Haifa and Ashdod ports today.

On Friday, three citrus exporting firms — Pardess Syndicate, Truva and Yachin — obtained a strict Court injunction preventing three trucking companies working with them from joining the strike. The order compels the truckers to continue carrying their fruit to the ports. It was issued ex parte, that is, in the absence of the truckers and the court will meet this morning to hear both sides.

The spokesman of the Trucking Board told The Jerusalem Post last night that they would honour the order and that these three trucking companies would supply fruit to the ports. He said, however, that they would not be too much fruit in the morning and by the time the fruit is available, they would be in their favour.

The other truckers will go ahead with the work stoppage from 6 p.m. until 4 p.m. — as usual.

The morning strike is against the failure of the government to help them in their financial difficulties. Their demands are: low-interest loans for working capital; that the government buy 30 per cent of the fleet for use in emergencies; that truckers from the administered territories be prevented from working in Israel, and an end to "unfair competition" from the Railways.

The Transport Ministry spokesman said in Jerusalem last night that the proposed strike was unnecessary, purposeless and was to be regretted as it would only inconvenience the public. He said the ministry was taking every step to prove the transportation situation in the country.

Rabin's view

Premier Yitzhak Rabin said on Friday evening that the gravity of Scranton's remarks was not cancelled out by the American veto.

Interviewed over Israel TV, Rabin said that Israel's sovereignty over Jerusalem was an immutable fact. No speech by an American ambassador, and no political line, could alter that fact.

Israel reacted sharply to Scranton's speech because of the content, the timing, the circumstances and the venue. After this reaction, the U.S. fully understood the grave significance of Scranton's remarks and decided to cast the veto, Rabin said.

"We would be wrong in assuming that the 'Rogers Plan' is now the basis of American policy," Rabin said. "The U.S. and Israel have not always been in agreement since the Six Day War. But Israel has always taken up the cudgels in defence of its positions and still has the power today to battle against American positions which it does not accept."

Likud leader Menahem Begin, at the Tel Aviv Engineers Club on Friday, said Israel's reply to Scranton should be to declare that "united Jerusalem will be Israel's capital for all time. Judea and Samaria, the historic land of Israel, have been liberated — not conquered — and Jewish settlement there must continue."

Begin said a national unity government was needed to boost public morale, improve the economic situation and make a strong showing on the political front. He added that he was expressing his personal view, which was not necessarily that of the Likud bloc.

Our Washington correspondent adds:

The Arab delegations considered the Security Council session a significant victory — despite the U.S. veto. They saw the Scranton speech as a great success, and were also pleased with America's extreme isolation in the vote: even its allies voted for the resolution.

The Arabs also viewed Israel's consent to attend the session together with the PLO as a success.

K: Aid to Egypt vital for peace

WASHINGTON. — U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger on Friday defended a major aid programme to Egypt as essential to American national interests and peace in the Middle East.

In a statement to a Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee, Kissinger did not specifically mention the proposed sale of six C-130 military transport planes. However, it was clear that the \$35m. transaction was considered an important part of Kissinger's thinking.

Before the hearing started, Kissinger indicated nervousness over the aid situation, which totals \$2b. in over-all foreign military aid for fiscal 1977. In his testimony he emphasized the "historical and moral commitment to the survival and security of the State of Israel which we must fulfill."

Kissinger also indicated that a peace settlement is possible without Soviet participation.

"The Soviet Union has not been disruptive as it could have been nor as helpful as it might have been," Kissinger testified. "I won't say absolutely that the Soviet Union does not participate in the peace process there won't be a peace," Kissinger said. (AP, JTA)

Rakah steps up campaign for strike on Tuesday

By YOEL DAR
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Rakah (New Communist) leaders have stepped up their campaign for a mass turnout in the Arab general strike called for Tuesday in protest against the Government's expropriation of lands for the development of Galilee.

Ignoring last Thursday's decision of an overwhelming majority of Arab local council chairmen not to take part in the strike, the Rakah party weekly "Al Itihad" has accused the police of "terrorist tactics" in breaking up a pro-Rakah demonstration outside the Shikama town hall where the mayors held their meeting.

Seventeen of the demonstrators were brought before a magistrate on Friday and were remanded for a fortnight on suspicion of throwing stones at the town hall offices.

It is reported that the mayors' vote against the strike was prompted by the growing realization that only about a third of the some 20,000 dunams of expropriated land is Arab-owned and that in many cases the owners will be compensated with land elsewhere.

Meanwhile, Arab voices against the strike are growing louder. The opposition factions in the Rakah-dominated Nazareth Municipal Council have complained to the District Representative Council against municipal officials are pressuring their colleagues to sign a petition in favour of the strike. Mr. Koenig said he would look into the charges, and if they proved to be true, the Interior Ministry would take steps to ensure that essential services are maintained.

Mr. Koenig said that city officials who go out on strike would have their wages docked. He added that Mayor Tawfik Zayyad had assured the Ministry that municipal offices would not be shut down on Tuesday.

"Tim" reports that following the mayors' meeting on Thursday several Galilee villages had cancelled plans for strike meetings. In Haifa, a group of Arab residents decided to call on the country's Arab citizens to ignore the Rakah campaign to disrupt services and "the normal functioning of everyday life."

In Jerusalem, the Education Ministry's director-general, El'ad Peled, served notice on school principals in the Arab sector that the Ministry would take a dim view of the closing of schools on Tuesday.

The Civil Service Commissioner has sent a directive to all government offices heads in the Arab sector not to grant any requests for "special leave" on Tuesday. The order follows a request by 30 Arab employees in the Safad Government Hospital to take Tuesday off.

(Opposing — page 2)

Costa Rican leader due tomorrow

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

THE PRESIDENT of Costa Rica, Daniel Oduber Quirios, is to arrive tomorrow for an official visit, during which he will address a special session of the Knesset.

Mr. Oduber will be welcomed at Ben-Gurion Airport by President Ezer Weizman and Prime Minister Rabin. He will be accompanied by the president of the State Bank of Costa Rica, and by his ambassador to the UN, Father Benjamin Nunez, who served for many years as ambassador to Israel.

Mr. Oduber will be staying until April 5, when he leaves for Spain.

Pretoria minister leaves after two-day visit

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — South Africa's Minister of Interior and Information, Dr. Connie Mulder, said here on Friday that the Pretoria Government had decided to pull out its troops from Angola after receiving firm guarantees that the Caluque Dam power project, some 20 kms. inside Angola, would be fully protected.

Dr. Mulder, who ended a two-day visit to Israel yesterday, added: "We wanted to prove to the world that we really are not aggressors and that we moved in there last August only to protect the thousands of workers on the project, in which we invested 200m. rande (over \$200m.). Should

the Security Council still decide to meet on Angola's complaint against South African intervention, it will have to deal with Cuban and Soviet intervention instead, because we are no longer there."

Mr. Mulder returned yesterday by special plane to South Africa. During his stay here he met with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Foreign Minister Yigal Allon and various senior Government officials.

The South African Minister, who is regarded as the second man in Prime Minister Vorster's Government, came here after a semi-official visit to the Ivory Coast, where he had a two-hour meeting with President Houphouet-Boigny. The visit was fully covered by the local press and TV and was part of South Africa's ongoing dialogue with certain black African nations.

One of the points agreed on in the Ivory Coast was that South African Airways would have a weekly stop-over at Abidjan on its service to Western Europe.

Before going to Paris, on their way to Israel, Dr. Mulder and the Secretary for Information, Dr. Eshel Rhoadie, visited a number of African countries, but the names of these are still being kept secret.

The South African visitors were welcomed here by Yeshayahu Azug, Assistant Director of the Foreign Ministry, and by South African Ambassador Dr. Charles Fincham, who was also their host at dinner Friday night.

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy with drop in temperatures.
Weather synopsis: Weak upper trough from Turkey to east Mediterranean continues eastward.

Location	Yesterday's High-Low	Today's High-Low
Jerusalem	15-22	12-21
Golan	11-24	12-21
Nahariya	11-25	12-22
Safed	14-20	11-19
Tiberias	12-23	10-20
Nazareth	15-26	12-22
Afula	10-28	10-26
Shomron	17-24	14-21
Tel Aviv	15-23	12-21
B-G Airport	9-28	11-22
Jericho	14-28	16-30
Gaza	12-23	10-21
Beersheba	17-24	12-21
Bilat	17-24	12-21
Tiran Straits	18-31	19-30

Social and Personal

President Ephraim Katzir on Friday received Ehud Avriel, member of Kibbutz Neot Mordechai and former deputy director general of the Foreign Ministry, who presented him with a copy of his new book "Open the Gates," dealing with his work in Africa "Zet" in Europe after World War Two.

President Katzir also received the delegates to the Minerva Symposium on scientific cooperation between Israel and West Germany, held at the Weizmann Science Institute.

A delegation of seven Social Democrat deputies in the West German Bundestag called on Premier Yitzhak Rabin on Friday. On Thursday the deputies were the guests of honour at a Mafam reception in Tel Aviv.

A reception was held yesterday at the Zahala home of Ellahu Tal, representative of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith in Israel, and Mrs. Tal, for members of an ADL study mission headed by Zev Furst, director of the Middle Eastern Department. Other members of the mission are Lawrence Petrez, Irving Shapiro, Norman Wall and Arnold Forster.

Rafi Bar-Am, former spokesman and director of publicity for the UJA in Israel, has been appointed assistant director-general of the UJA Israel office. Alex Podnick, a recent immigrant from Canada, has been appointed spokesman of the UJA Israel office.

George Cadbury of Canada, chairman of the World Association of Family Planning, toured the Hadassim youth village and other Wizo institutions on Friday.

A new laboratory for applied physics and materials science was named on Friday for the late Prof. Ernst David Bergman on the Hebrew University's Givat Ram campus. Sponsored by the South African Friends of the University, the three-story, 3,500 sq.m. building is meant to become a living memorial to Prof. Bergman's contributions to pure and applied science and to his role as a founder of the Graduate School of Applied Science and Technology.

Three laboratory rooms devoted to cancer research at the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School were dedicated Friday by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Heller of Vancouver.

ARRIVALS

Paul Zuckerman, president of the UJA, for the Jewish Agency Board of Governors meeting.

IT IS NOW ILLEGAL for Bnei Brak residents to hang their washing on the street side of their apartment houses, according to a municipal by-law enacted last week.

In deep sorrow we announce the death of our mother, grandmother and great-grandmother

ELLA LEA FLATOW (née Lesser)

The funeral will take place at the Nahariya cemetery at 4 o'clock today.

David and Esther Meiry
Aaron and Ruth Lehav
Grandchildren and great-grandchildren

On the first anniversary of the death of our beloved

HERWARD ROSENBERG

a memorial service will be held at his grave at the New Cemetery in Haifa, Kfar Samir, on Tuesday, March 30, 1976, at 4.00 p.m. We shall meet near the middle gate.

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The unveiling of the tombstone and a memorial service for our beloved

AVRAHAM (Arno) SCHNELL

will be held on Monday, March 29, 1976, at 4 p.m., at the New Cemetery, Kfar Samir, Haifa. We will meet at the New Gate.

The Family

Our sincere sympathies to

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on the death of her dear

MOTHER

Hobson Union College
Jewish Institute of Religion

My dear father,

GEDALIAHU JULIUS KLEIN

died on Shabbat, March 27, 1976.

The funeral will take place today, Sunday, at 3 p.m. at the Savyon cemetery.

Joseph Klein and family

We regret to announce the death of our dear mother and grandmother

ELLA ROSENTHAL

widow of the late Chief Engineer Emil Rosenthal

The funeral will take place today, Sunday, March 28, 1976, leaving at 12.15 p.m. from the Kishon Hospital, Haifa.

Families: Diamant, Dagan (Deak), Lewis

In deep sorrow, we announce the passing of my beloved wife

Dr. REGINA SORIANO (née Maymon)

The funeral will take place today, Sunday, March 28, leaving at 2.30 p.m. from the Sanhedria Funeral Parlour for Har Hamenuhot, Givat Shaul.

Dr. Joseph Soriano and families

On the occasion of the shloshim of our beloved

CHAIM (Helmuth) BERS

we shall meet at the graveside on Tuesday, March 30, 1976, at 4.00 p.m. at the Holon Cemetery. Assemble at the gate at 4.00 p.m.

The Family

Overseas living expense plan for El Al's crews

By ZEEV SCHUL, Jerusalem Post Aviation Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — A Histadrut-sponsored committee of inquiry, set up to investigate labour unrest in El Al, will present its findings to the labour federation's executive committee this morning.

The committee is reported to be critical of El Al management's handling of labour relations. Its recommendations are said to include the establishment of a joint management-staff council to run El Al.

Less palatable for the flight crews will be other recommendations calling for the abolition of the foreign currency component in the flight crews' pay and the substitution of an overseas living expense allowance also payable in foreign currency but which will amount to only a fraction of the present foreign currency salary total.

The committee, headed by Histadrut Executive Member Yisrael Katsir, also is said to voice the need for the establishment of a staff committee federation to serve as a stabilizing factor in labour relations within the company. The purpose of its establishment would be to prevent the declaration of strikes by any single group of employees.

This recommendation, however, is no more than a restatement of the directive issued by the Histadrut Executive last November, when it pledged to El Al management and the establishment of a staff committee federation of staff committees within three months. The Executive at the time declared that the establishment of such a staff organization was a necessary prerequisite to new wage agreements.

So far, it is believed that the Histadrut has undertaken no steps to implement this decision. The only staff committee groups to have been established a staff organization of their own — voluntarily and pre-empting the Histadrut decision — were the cockpit and cabin crew attendants.

Agreement possible today in Timna mines dispute

By SHEILA MELTZER, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Final agreement on the closing date of the Timna copper mines and the amount of compensation to be paid to workers may be reached this morning, if the negotiating committee accepts the workers' latest proposals.

Management announced yesterday that agreement had been reached between the special committee appointed by the Ministerial Wages Committee and representatives of the four Timna works committees to close the mines on March 31.

The agreement reached after three days of negotiations from Thursday to Saturday morning — also calls for severance pay of between 150 and 200%, according to length of employment.

However, representatives of the workers committee reported after conferring with their legal adviser, Amnon Zichroni, that this morning they would present the negotiating committee with amended proposals: that Timna be closed on April 30 and that all workers receive an additional three-month salary after that date.

The workers will also ask for lifetime pensions for workers found to be crippled or unfit for work by a medical team, and that all workers who do not find alternative employment by six months after the closing date be rehired by Timna.

The announcement by Timna management stated that in addition to the compensation pay there will be a special Government fund to help workers solve re-employment problems. In addition, workers remaining in Elat will be permitted to reside in company housing for at least three years.

B'sheba cultural body may be spared the axe

BEERSHEBA. — A public committee on Friday suggested a new management for the local Cultural and Social Society in the hope this would persuade the Interior Ministry to keep on financing the society's operations.

The public committee named three men for the management: Yisrael Chen, Meir Englart and Ben-Zion Carmel. Carmel, a deputy mayor, was the director of the society until the crisis which followed Mayor Elhanan Navi's request to the Interior Ministry to conduct a probe of the society's affairs.

The new management would be obligated to report on the society's operations to the mayor and the district representative, the public committee recommended. It would have to implement the recommendations of the Interior Ministry's controller, who had uncovered serious defects. The society's finance committee would be dissolved. No new director would be appointed to the society for the next four months, the public committee said. An auditor and a legal adviser would be appointed, with the mayor's approval.

Meanwhile, Post reporter Haim Shoham says that several actors of the Beersheba Theatre have warned they will resign if the Interior Ministry carries out its threat to stop financing the Cultural and Social Society, which sponsors the theatre.

The ministry said two weeks ago it would withhold funds.

A spokesman for the society said that he could not understand why a successful agency, which in a short time was able to establish a theatre orchestra and a dance troupe, should be "shut out" into a political football. He pointed out that the society itself asked for an audit of its activities three years ago, but none was made. Yet, very shortly after Deputy Mayor Ben-Zion Carmel, head of the society, was awarded the "Kinor David" prize for the society's achievements, Mayor Elhanan Navi asked for the check by the Interior Ministry's controller.

Although several members of the City Council have asked for an urgent debate of the subject, the council has not been convened.

LEVINGER INDICTED

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Rabbi Moshe Levinger, leader of the Kiryat Arba settlers, has been charged with insulting an army officer and refusing to obey the officer's orders. He will appear shortly before a military court in Hebron.

The charges refer to events in Hebron on Wednesday, March 17. Levinger and the officer clashed during Arab disturbances in the town.

On the same day, Levinger appeared on television and said he had ordered the Kiryat Arba settlers to "shoot to kill" if they were stoned and endangered while "patrolling" Hebron. This statement drew a sharp condemnation from Defence Minister Peres in the Knesset last week, and was investigated by the Attorney-General. But it has been decided apparently not to prosecute the rabbi for this.

Rabbi Levinger has denied the charges.

Heavy fog in Coastal Plain

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Fog as thick as the proverbial pea soup blanketed all of the Coastal Plain from south of Acre to Gaza yesterday. According to the Meteorological Service, the phenomenon on started during the afternoon — which is a rarity — and was caused by rapid heating of a high humid area over the eastern Mediterranean. The evaporation swept inland, causing the fog.

Traffic slowed to a crawl along the coastal motorways. The fog was expected to continue last night and clear by this morning.

FINNISH DEFENCE MINISTER HERE

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — The Finnish Minister of Defence, Ingvar Melin, arrived here Friday for a two-day visit to Israel. Melin is here to visit Finnish troops serving with the United Nations peace-keeping forces in the area and to meet with Defence Minister Shimon Peres.

The visitor has just paid a similar visit to Finnish troops on the Egyptian side. (Htm)

MEXICO OFFICIALS ARRIVE FOR TALKS

Jerusalem Post Staff

A delegation of Mexican officials and industrialists will arrive today on a five-day visit to discuss implementing the economic cooperation agreement signed last year during the visit of Mexican President Luis Echeverria. Arrangements for the visit were made during Foreign Minister Allon's recent visit to Mexico.

The delegation will meet with Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Bar-Lev, Allon, other officials and industrialists.

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Sick fund head defends paying for services

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Director-General of the Kupat Holim sick fund, Asl Yadin, on Friday charged that ideology of non-payment for services by fund members made impossible to give members the services they needed.

Speaking at the monthly for of the Labour Council, Yadin said the time had come to "divest ourselves of many illusions" which could not stand up to the test of reality.

He also warned against the notion that the Kupat Holim would retain its independence, or the Histadrut its control over the fund when the national health scheme was introduced.

In view of the tremendous costs of medical services, he said the fund would have to conduct economy drives and save a IL100m. next year. But he said this would not be enough, and Government would have to make bigger contribution to the fund. Also, the Histadrut would have to raise membership fees.

Health services and the Kupat Holim deficit were discussed at weekly meeting of the Labour Party's "steering forum," in Tel Aviv on Friday.

Kupat Holim wants the Histadrut to increase payment for services and medicines from the sick fund. The official in charge of health services on the Histadrut Central Committee, Nava Arad, has said that the introduction of extra payments would be against basic principles.

The Central Committee of Labour Party is to discuss the issue on Tuesday.

Last week, the secretary of party's Young Guard faction, party Secretary-General Meir Za, that they would oppose the introduction of fees for health services. Histadrut Secretary-General ruham Meshel did not attend meeting and was not available comment yesterday.

Hiker survives 7-metre fall

ARAD. — Martin Kingsley, a year-old Englishman, yesterday seven metres from a crag while hiking in the Judean Desert.

After Kingsley's fall, one of comrades, a fellow-student from WUJIS institute in Arad, waited three hours until he reached Masada, where he reported mishap.

The injured man was evacuated by helicopter to Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem, where he was reported out of danger. (Htm)

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TO AVOID MISINTERPRETATION Distribution stopped of German 'anti-Semitic' play

By BRIAN ARTHUR
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BONN. — West Germany's Subhamp publishing house has announced that it is stopping distribution of a stage-play text by the well-known German author, Rainer Werner Fassbinder, following accusations that the work is anti-Semitic.

A spokesman for the firm in Frankfurt denied that the play, entitled "Der Müll, Die Stadt und Der Tod" (Rubbish, the City and Death), was anti-Jewish, but that Subhamp was suspending distribution to book stores "in order to avoid further misinterpretations."

The text is included in a pocket book edition of three plays by Fassbinder, published earlier this month and numbering 8,000 copies. So far, a spokesman said, about 3,000 copies have been delivered to retailers.

Subhamp said it has been unable to contact Fassbinder for his comment on the charges against him, since he is currently traveling outside of Germany. But the firm said it was confident the author had no anti-Jewish intentions when he wrote the piece.

The play, which has never been performed publicly, deals mainly with a prostitute and her relations with a ruthless Jewish real-estate speculator. Fassbinder's portrayal of him largely fits in with the anti-Semitic stereotype of a clever, deceitful and lecherous Jew, who in this case is also brutal and corrupt.

A spokesman for Subhamp said the piece is an attempt to show how



NEW LAMPS FOR OLD. — The old traffic lights along Tel Aviv's Allenby Road are being torn down and replaced by new, computer-operated signals, in preparation for implementation of the plan to make the thoroughfare one way to private traffic. But the City has now decided to delay the changes until after Pessah.

(Simonsky — Israel Sun)

Battle of prestige delays Tel Aviv traffic changes

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A battle of prestige is delaying the implementation of traffic changes along Allenby Road. The Ministry of Transport last week stole the thunder from the municipality by announcing — a day before a scheduled City press conference — plans to reserve Allenby Road exclusively for public transport.

In retaliation, Deputy Mayor David Shifman, who is in charge

MOTHER, SON BROKE INTO TOY STORE

HAIFA. — A 45-year-old mother and her 12-year-old son were convicted and sentenced here on Friday for having burgled a stationery and toy shop in a joint operation. Their names were withheld.

The mother, who has four children, was given a one-year suspended prison sentence in the District Court. Her son was sentenced to juvenile court to the supervision of a probation officer for two years. The burglary was committed last

June in the Haifa Bay area, where the family lives. The District Court found that 12 rolls of toilet paper and IL34 worth of toys had been taken.

Judge Zelman Yehuda said: "I find it shocking that a mother of four should go breaking and entering with her boy, a minor."

The mother denied the charges. She said she had no idea the missing goods were in her house.

(Itim)

Med students assured of jobs in Israel

Jerusalem Post Reporter

All Israeli studying medicine at Italian universities will be assured of internships here if they return home.

This was told to representatives of some 1,400 Israelis studying at various Italian universities by Dr. Menahem Lander, head of hospitalization services in the Health Ministry, last week.

Dr. Lander met the students together with Israel's Ambassador to Italy, Moshe Sasson, in an effort to induce them to come home after graduation.

Dr. Lander told the students that internships would be made available to them regardless of budget considerations or objective needs of hospitals here. All the student representatives at the meeting reportedly expressed willingness to return home.

The Health Ministry is also considering expansion of plans allowing students who started their clinical studies at universities here. The ministry already provides work for students home for their summer vacations, Dr. Lander said.

Court lets lettuce-leaf cigarette man go abroad

TEL AVIV. — A local firm's request for a court order to prevent the inventor of the lettuce-leaf cigarette from travelling abroad and selling his invention to others was denied in District Court on Friday.

The local firm, MCV of Petah Tikva, told the court that the inventor, Gregorio Rubinstein, an immigrant from Argentina, negotiated with it about setting up a factory here to make the lettuce cigarettes. MCV said that Rubinstein had signed a provisional agreement and was paid IL26,000. It also invested other capital in planning the project.

Rubinstein told Judge Shlomo Loewenberg that he had signed a

New Zim container service to Jamaica

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Zim company on Friday inaugurated a new container service to Kingston Port, Jamaica, when the vessel Zim-New York, arrived there with exports from Israel and other Mediterranean ports.

The Zim spokesman said the new fortnightly service, which also will handle cargoes for Miami and Savannah, and later be extended to Central America, the Gulf and Caribbean through feeder service, will be part of Zim's three-continent container line.

UN AMBASSADOR Chaim Herzog will be awarded an honorary doctorate by Yeshiva University in New York next month on the occasion of the founding of the university's new Benjamin Cardozo School of Law. The three-year law school programme will admit students in September.

DRIVING LESSONS will go up 25 per cent on April 1, the Transport Ministry announced on Friday. Garages authorized to perform annual vehicle tests will also raise their rates 25 per cent, the ministry said. They will now charge IL12.5 instead of IL10 for the test on private cars and motorcycles.

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Dubek: No cut in cigarette production

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Production of cigarettes will continue as usual to meet demand, Zerah Gehel, managing director of the Dubek concern, has promised the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

On Friday, "Yediot Aharonot" wrote that Dubek — a monopoly in cigarette production in Israel — had decided to cut production because the Public Price Committee had not yet acted on its request to increase prices by 15 per cent.

It was learned yesterday that Dubek's request will be discussed in the near future.

(As a monopoly, the firm cannot reduce production or change prices without the approval by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry).

Mount Zion garden honours Zurich donors

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Mount Zion was the scene Thursday of the dedication of a new section of the national park round the Old City. The 15-dunam tract, thickly planted with pine and other trees, was named Zurich Garden, honouring the home city of the park's donors, Dr. Jacques Rosenzweig and Walter Haefner.

Mayor Teddy Kollek addressed the guests, who included Albert Moosdorf, Minister of Finance of the Canton of Zurich, and the donors.

Rabin upholds policy on Arabs; Peres demurs

Premier Yitzhak Rabin said that the Government policy towards Israel's Arabs was basically sound, despite the fact that mistakes had been made and might be made today.

Referring to the agitation in Galilee over land expropriation in an evening TV interview on Friday, Rabin said that Israel's Arabs had made huge strides over the years. One-quarter of the total land area being expropriated belonged to Arabs, he noted. Agitators had exploited a development scheme designed to benefit the entire population of Galilee to stir up the Arab community, Rabin charged.

Rabin said the Arab mayors' opposition to the strike called by the New Communists for March 30 was

WON'T FORM NEW PARTY Dayan: Last three govt's held talks with Jordan

Jerusalem Post Staff and Itim

Former Defence Minister Moshe Dayan said Friday that the last three governments have negotiated with Jordan in efforts to reach a peace settlement.

In an interview on Israel Radio, Dayan said governments headed by the late Levi Eshkol, Golda Meir and the present administration of Yitzhak Rabin had negotiated with Jordan at the very highest levels.

All Israeli proposals, including the "Allon Plan," had been rejected by Jordan, he said.

Speaking of the present state of the Labour Party, Dayan said both the Government and the party needed a more decisive leadership. It was natural that younger people had been given key positions in the Cabinet, he held, but this did not mean that the present government had embarked on any new policy which was different from that carried out by the previous government headed by Golda Meir.

Dayan thought it was unlikely that a rift between himself and the Labour Party would occur. He stressed at the same time that even if he should feel compelled to leave the party because he disagreed with its next election platform, he would not join or form any other political grouping.

"I am not in the habit of pushing myself on other political groups," he said, adding that it was also for this reason that he accepted the fact that he was not asked to join the Labour Party's new "meeting forum." What is needed is a new leadership for the Labour Party, he held.

Replying to questions, Dayan reiterated his belief that Israel

Grossman's appeal rejected

Jerusalem Post Staff and Itim

TEL AVIV. — The Tel Aviv District Court on Friday rejected an appeal by Yitzhak Grossman, deputy examiner of banks, against the extension of his term by an additional 14 days. Grossman was arrested on March 6 on suspicion of breach of trust.

In response to Friday's erroneous report saying that Grossman was

Erring ship jumps port

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The International Federation of Transport Workers (ITF) imposed a worldwide boycott on the small Cyprus flag lighter Gerastinos K. after she had jumped out of Ashdod harbour during the night.

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Correction and apology

In the Friday edition of The Jerusalem Post an article appeared under the headline "Grossman said linked to Mizrahi Bank." The article stated that Yitzhak Grossman, currently in jail, was one of the investigators of United Mizrahi Bank's connection with the Dairy Board. The article further said that Grossman's wife held in her Mizrahi Bank account special bonds

Property tax on flats to be reduced soon

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Cabinet will discuss today an amendment to the Property Tax Law by which the tax rate on apartments will be reduced from 0.7 per cent to 0.6 per cent.

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Jerusalem lion to earn \$1m. for its keeper

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jerusalem Municipality hopes to reap a windfall of more than \$1m. by permitting the city's symbol to be used on medallions to be marketed in the U.S. The money gained is to be used towards the construction of a city stadium and sports centre in Shuafat.

The Municipal Executive agreed Friday to permit the city's symbol to be used on medallions to be distributed by a Florida-based firm, the Gel-Sid Company, specializing in Israeli souvenirs. The symbol would be on the reverse side of a set of medallions bearing replicas of the Chagall windows at Hadassah Hospital depicting the 12 tribes of Israel. According to the company, the artist has given his permission.

A set of 12 gold medallions is to cost \$15,000, with silver and bronze versions going for \$720 and \$360 respectively. The city is to receive 10 per cent of the turnover, which will bring it, according to company estimates, \$1m.-\$1.5m. within a year.

The sports centre in Shuafat, a 25,000-seat stadium, will cost an estimated \$70,000. A substantial part of this cost is to be met by the Sports and Leisure pool and the sale of the existing sports field in the German Colony.

The medallions are to be manufactured by a Holon company. Marketing is to begin in September.

Yadlin to head quality of life council

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Education Minister Aharon Yadlin will head a new Public Council on the Quality of Life, suggested by Yadlin himself, the Cabinet has decided.

The aim of the council is to take the public more sensitive and aware of the quality of life in this country. It will take steps to improve behaviour patterns both the public sphere and between an and his fellow.

The Cabinet communiqué said the council will seek ways of improving norms of politeness, good manners and enhanced quiet and cleanliness where citizens and the state at large are concerned.

The council will also make sure people are tolerant and to move them to help each other and show consideration for each other. It will act to improve services to the public and attitudes to public property.

The communiqué said the council should coordinate the operations of the relevant Government and public bodies in this sphere. It would maintain close ties with the Education Ministry's pedagogic secretariat, department for adult education, the Information Centre, and the Service for the Protection of the Environment.

The council will be composed of officials of ministries and institutions working in the same field, as well as various public figures.

Yadlin raised the idea in the Cabinet some weeks ago.

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Yehuda Reshef has been appointed Haifa District Attorney. He succeeds Zvi Taglicht, who is retiring.

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U.S. vetoes anti-Israel resolution; says it wouldn't help peace moves

UNITED NATIONS. — The U.S. on Thursday night vetoed a Security Council resolution that would have criticized Israeli actions in occupied territories. With all other members of the 15-nation Council — including Britain, France and Italy — voting for the resolution, the new American representative, William Scranton, cast the only negative vote. Coming from one of the five permanent Council members, it had the effect of blocking the resolution.

The resolution, sponsored by Benin, Guyana, Pakistan, Panama and Tanzania, was presented after a four-day Council session on the situation in Jerusalem and the West Bank.

The resolution deplored Israel's "failure to put a stop to actions and policies tending to change the status of Jerusalem and called on Israel to refrain from actions against Arab residents of the administered territories; to respect the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people; to end the expropriation of Arab land; and to create Jewish settlements on this land."

Opposing the resolution, Mr. Scranton said it was wrong to suggest that Israel was trying to change the religious character of Jerusalem.

Scranton said the U.S. was trying to "regain momentum in the negotiating process to reach peace in the Middle East," and the draft resolution would not help such efforts.

"Quite to the contrary," Mr. Scranton said, "we think Israel's administration of the Holy Places in Jerusalem has literally and actively minimized tensions."

Earlier in the day, pro-Israeli demonstrators outside the U.S. mission demanded the removal of Mr. Scranton, who replaced Mr. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, for remarks he had made earlier in the debate.

Reflecting Arab bitterness at the veto, Libyan representative Mansur Kikhia said it would end illusions about a possible change in American policy "following the change of style or the change of person."

The representative of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, Zehdi Terzi, who took part in the debate, said the resolution was unduly mild but had nevertheless been defeated by the "tyranny of the U.S. veto."

Israeli Ambassador Chaim Herzog, speaking before the vote, said the debate had been an attempt "to inflame religious opinion throughout the world on the basis of a foul untruth" when his government was in fact protecting Moslem rights.

Calling for an end to "this barren diatribe and outpouring of vitriol," he said Arab delegates should "sit down with me to talk over matters as civilized human beings, however hostile one to the other, should do."

Mr. Herzog rejected statements that Israeli occupation was obstructing the peace-making process, declaring: "If it was, why was peace not achieved before the territories fell into our hands in 1967?"

A report from London says that the Board of Deputies of British Jews has protested to the British Government for supporting the anti-Israel resolution in the Security Council. A statement signed by Lord Fisher, president of the board, said that the "one-sided motion, vetoed by the U.S., which tried to present propaganda by Arab extremists as facts, is hardly likely to advance the cause of peace in the Middle East. It will encourage PLO elements during the forthcoming election on the West Bank."

The board said it regretted "this act of Arab appeasement by the British Government, which was offensive to Israel, a friendly and democratic country, and to many of her friends in Britain."

(Reuters, JTA)

New book by Watergate reporters 'Nixon drank heavily, talked of suicide before quitting'

WASHINGTON. — In the last days of his presidency, Richard Nixon drank heavily and talked of killing himself, according to a new book by the two journalists who bared the Watergate scandal.

"Washington Post" reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, in their new book, "The Final Days," say the President roamed the halls of the White House, talking to portraits of former presidents. They say his wife, Pat, sank into depression and also drank heavily.

According to extracts from the book made available by "Newsweek" magazine, which is running it in serial form, Nixon's chief-of-staff, General Alexander Haig, ordered the president's sleeping pills and tranquilizers to be taken away.

The ex-president seriously considered suicide, the authors say.

General Haig, who became his top White House aide, was said to have been told by Nixon: "You fellows, in your business (the army), you have a way of handling problems like this. Somebody leaves a pistol in the drawer ... I don't have a pistol."

During Nixon's triumphal tour of Egypt in June 1974, the authors say that he courted death by disregarding his bout with phlebitis, a blood clot disease, and by riding through crowded streets in an open car with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat.

His secret service security chief was said to complain: "You can't protect a president who wants to kill himself."

Another incident related in their

new book tells how on August 7, 1974, two days before his resignation, Nixon summoned Secretary of State Kissinger to a private session and told him: "Henry, you are not a very orthodox Jew and I am not an orthodox Quaker, but we need to pray."

The two men knelt and the president prayed out loud, asking for help, rest, peace and love, the book said. Then he began to weep and pounded on the carpet crying: "What have I done? What has happened?"

Later, the book said, Nixon telephoned Kissinger "drunk ... out of control" and pleaded: "Henry, please don't ever tell anyone that I cried and that I was not strong."

Kissinger is portrayed in the book as privately holding Nixon in "loathing and contempt" and of the opinion before he joined the Nixon Administration that the president was "dangerous" and "unfit."

Before he became Secretary of State, Kissinger regarded Nixon as "vile and contemptible," the book said, although he later was heard to refer to Nixon as "our meatball president."

According to the book, Kissinger regarded Nixon as an anti-Semite and was quite upset by one Nixon remark, "The Jewish cabal is out to get me." The authors report that Nixon found this "cabal" working in various branches of the government and tried to stamp it out.

"The Final Days" was said to be based on six months of research by Woodward and Bernstein with the help of two associates. It emerged from 394 interviews, memos, diaries and unpublished notes, involving all but a few of the principals in the only case of an American president who resigned.

Dr. Kissinger yesterday refused to comment on the book's allegations.

"Because the excerpts the Secretary has seen from this book contain so many inaccuracies and significant falsehoods, he is not going to comment," a State Department spokesman said. He did not specify what Kissinger said was false or inaccurate.

(AP, Reuters)

S. Africans quit Angola

RUACANA, Southern Angola. — South African troops completed their withdrawal from Angola yesterday, pulling back into South-West Africa (Namibia) after their ill-starred intervention in the Angolan civil war.

South African Defence Minister Pieter Botha took the salute as the last convoy of Panhard armoured cars rolled across the Cunene River border bridge.

"This is the end of a chapter," he said, "but I hope the beginning of a better chapter."

Mr. Botha added: "We want peace, but until peace exists properly we shall be on the alert and shall remain on our side of the border to protect the interests for which we are responsible."

Two battalions of troops, including Black soldiers, crossed the bridge to end a South African involvement which began last August.

The troops first went in to protect the important Ruacana hydroelectric scheme, a joint project between South Africa and Angola's former Portuguese rulers. When completed, the scheme will supply power and water to South-West Africa as well as to Angola.

The troops moved north in support of the UNITA and National Front movements opposing the MPLA. But the South Africans pulled back to the border region when the Soviet-armed and Cuban-led MPLA forces counter-attacked and swept southwards to eventual victory.

Yesterday's South African withdrawal follows assurances from the Angolan Government on the protection of the hydro-electric project, according to South African statements.

About 4,000 Angolan refugees have gathered near the border river. Many of them say they fear a massacre when MPLA arrive from their lines about 300 kilometres away. Most families among the refugees include members of the FNLA and UNITA.

At UN headquarters in New York over the weekend, Angola accused South Africa of aggression and asked the UN Security Council to demand that the Pretoria Government pay compensation for economic and other damage caused by "the invasion."

(Reuters)

Lin Yutang, author, at 80

HONG KONG. — Lin Yutang, one of China's leading scholars, died of heart failure here on Friday night. He was 80.

Lin, also a well-known translator, educator and humanist, wrote books in English including "The Importance of Living" and "My Country and My People." His final work was the 1,720-page "Lin Yutang's Chinese-English Dictionary of Modern Usage."

Lin was born in 1895 in the city of Amoy in the southern Chinese province of Fukien.

(AP)



A father holds his three-year-old daughter over the rail of a fourth-storey fire escape in the Harlem section of New York City on Friday afternoon after a quarrel with his estranged wife, Melvin Davis reportedly held his daughter Ebony there for over an hour, threatening to drop her, until the police managed to subdue him and rescue the child. Davis was charged with endangering the child's life. (AP radiophoto)

Sadat off to Europe for arms and aid

By BRIAN ARTHUR and agencies

BONN. — Egypt's President Sadat begins a five-country tour here tomorrow, in search of arms, political backing and economic cooperation. After West Germany, Sadat will go to France, Italy, Austria and Yugoslavia.

In the first state visit here by an Egyptian leader since King Fush travelled to pre-war Germany 60 years ago, Sadat will be accompanied by wife Jihan and a 130-man delegation, which will include Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy and two economics ministers.

Sadat has indicated in interviews published here that he expects West Germany to play a key role among European countries to help to secure and guarantee a Geneva peace settlement, rescue Egypt's near-bankrupt economy and develop its lagging industry.

Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's government is fully aware of the Western need to bolster Sadat now that he has cut ties with the Soviet Union, and will give him all the political and material help it can, spokesmen said last week. But some observers speculated Sadat may be disappointed.

Strong U.S. congressional opposition to supplying Egypt with arms has strengthened Sadat's need for weapons from Europe. Although Schmidt is under heavy pressure from industry to follow the British and French into the Arab arms market, his government cannot politically afford to slacken a long-standing ban on weapons sales to tension areas outside the NATO alliance.

Nevertheless the newspaper "Die Welt" reported that President Sadat will ask Bonn to sell him 120 military planes, but the Bonn Foreign Ministry immediately responded that there would be no arms sales to Egypt.

The newspaper said that Sadat wants the "Alpha jet," an aircraft jointly developed by France and West Germany, which is due to go into production in late 1977 or early 1978.

The Germans will assemble 200 of the planes in a close air-support, combat version. The French also plan to build 200 Alphas, but want to limit themselves to the trainer version.

Since the Egyptians are reportedly approaching Bonn on the sale, they would presumably want the combat version of the aircraft.

FARES. — The three million Britons who travel by rail each day will have to pay 12 to 17.5 per cent more for their tickets today as the state-owned British railways cope with a growing deficit.

A round-trip ticket for the 400-mile journey from London to Glasgow goes up by £2.40 (\$4.80) to £28.

'A-bomb reports are warning to Israel's foes'

WASHINGTON. — Reports that Israel possesses nuclear weapons should serve as a warning of what could happen to nations that oppose Israel's right to exist, former UN Ambassador Daniel Patrick Moynihan told Congress on Thursday.

"Moynihan was asked by Sen. Charles Percy (R-IL), what effect published reports that Israel possessed 10 to 20 nuclear weapons would have on the Middle East."

"At this point I think it was a good thing to get it out, lest any one have any illusion about what could happen," Moynihan replied during public hearings of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

"In the face of the continued intransigence of nations in that area with respect to Israel's right to exist, they have to know what they could get themselves into," Moynihan said. "I'd hate to have them wake up and find they had not thought of that."

Moynihan, who resigned his UN post earlier this year to resume a teaching career at Harvard, said the Soviet Union was the major power behind every attack on democratic nations, including the passage of the General Assembly resolution equating Zionism with racism.

He said the equating of Zionism with racism "is not only a lie, it is a totalitarian lie... the movement to delegitimize the State of Israel is a movement against a free society."

"At the UN, everywhere I turned there was an assault on free countries. It looked like it came from this little country or that little country, but the Soviet Union was behind it," Moynihan said.

Around the world

Denial of report to axe Concorde

LONDON. — The British Government yesterday denied published reports that it plans to halt production of the controversial Concorde supersonic airliner unless major airlines make firm orders for the plane.

"No decision has been taken," a government spokesman said in a statement.

Informed sources say, however, that there has been pressure from some ministers to halt or slow down production of the £80m. plane because of the reluctance of world airlines to buy it.

The sources reported that foreign governments and flag carriers had been discouraged by the environmental row that Concorde has stirred, and because the viability of the plane had not yet been proven on major air routes.

One informant said on Friday that Britain's Labour Government was not prepared to subsidize production of the Anglo-French airliner beyond 1973 unless firm orders were placed.

Only nine of the 100-seat airliners have been sold so far — five to British Airways, and four to Air France.

The other seven of the 16 planes so far authorized by the British and French Government still are unsold, but Iran, China and Japan have tentative orders for six or seven of the planes. (AP)

World alert for swine flu

GENEVA. — The World Health Organisation (WHO) on Friday announced it has alerted its influenza centres all over the world to watch for signs the killer "swine" flu was spreading from the U.S.

The announcement was a late response to President Ford's call for vaccination of all Americans against the disease discovered in a U.S. Army camp in January. Swine flu killed 20 million in 1918.

WHO said no case of the disease has been reported outside the U.S. so far, and in the U.S. remains restricted to the camp. (AP)

Train hijackers get 14 years

ASSEN, The Netherlands. — Seven young South Moluccans accused of hijacking a train last December to press demands for an independent homeland in Indonesia were sentenced to 14 years imprisonment by a court in this northern Dutch town on Friday.

Charges against the seven, who held a train and 27 hostages for 13 days, included killing three of the hostages.

terms ranging from 12 to 13 years. The prosecution had demanded for the seven gunmen. All are between 19 and 26 years old.

Two of the hostages were executed because the Dutch refused to meet the demands, including pressure in the UN for independence of the South Moluccan island group which was absorbed by the Indonesian Republic in 1949 after centuries under Dutch rule. (AP)

King Khalid visiting UAE

ABU DHABI. — Saudi Arabia's King Khalid arrived here yesterday on the penultimate leg of a Gulf tour and the first visit ever by a Saudi monarch to the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

The ruler of Abu Dhabi and UAE President, Sheikh Zaid Bin Sultan, greeted King Khalid on his arrival for a 48-hour state visit. Also at the airport were the rulers of the six other members of the UAE federation.

The UAE President said King Khalid's tour represented a new drive towards increased co-operation among the Gulf states. (Reuters)

Rembrandt painting restored

AMSTERDAM. — Rembrandt's famous painting "The Night Watch" went back on display Friday after six months of careful restoration to repair damage inflicted by a man wielding a bread knife.

At a formal unveiling in the Rijksmuseum, no trace appeared of 13 slashes inflicted last September 13. The painting is now fully restored except for a final coat of varnish, officials said.

The museum's chief restorer, Luitzen Kuiper, led a team of seven in the restoration. Kuiper, 38, described the task at a news conference as "my lonely journey across canvas."

He said about \$75,000 in material has been used so far in an inch-by-inch process calling for infinite care and patience. (AP)

Risks in X-rays for cancer

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida. — A U.S. programme for the early detection of breast cancers might actually cause cancer in a few women, says the president of the American Cancer Society, but preliminary results indicate the programme is saving the lives of many more.

The official, Dr. Benjamin Byrd Jr., said 245,000 American women over the age of 35 had been screened at 27 breast cancer detection demonstration projects throughout the country.

Answering questions at a seminar on Friday, Byrd acknowledged criticism that radiation from the breast X-rays called mammography might cause cancer in a few women. Such X-rays are used as part of the screening programme.

"Mammography has risks because it is an invasive technique," Byrd said. "But the results far outweigh the risks that may be associated with the study." (AP)

Kodak sued over Arab boycott

NEW YORK. — A federal judge has ordered the Eastman Kodak Co. to respond tomorrow to a stockholders suit seeking to prevent the firm from holding its annual meeting next month.

The American Jewish Congress supporting the suit, and W. Maslow, AJC general counsel at attorney for the couple, said 21 corporations so far had agreed to include the resolution in their proxy materials.

Meanwhile, in Akron, Ohio, General Tire and Rubber Company said it paid \$150,000 to a firm in Lebanon to get the company off the Arab blacklist. The company said the transaction was legal. (AP)

Britain readies petrol coupons

LONDON. — New petrol rationing coupons are being stockpiled at post offices throughout Britain as part of a government contingency plan to deal with possible fuel shortages. The Department of Energy said last week. A spokesman described the exercise as "normal practice" and "purely routine," not signifying any plans to ration petrol. Petrol ration books issued at great expense during the 1973-74 oil emergency, but never used, were declared obsolete last year. (Reuters)

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Junta to install Gen. Videla as Argentine president

Buenos Aires. — Army Commander Gen. Jorge Videla will be installed as head of state tomorrow by the military junta which toppled President Maria Estela Peron four days ago.

The three-man junta of Army, Navy and Air Force chiefs named Videla President of Friday night after declaring they would hold power for at least three years.

Military sources said the gaunt and austere 50-year-old general was expected to name a Cabinet soon after he was sworn in.

Eight military officers currently head government ministries as caretakers while the junta begins its self-appointed task of national reorganization. Economic chaos, political violence and widespread labour unrest prompted the armed forces to seize power again after three years of civilian rule.

Behind a calm public atmosphere, the junta moved quickly to consolidate its takeover by beginning a purge of the civil service, detaining prominent Peronists and imposing the death penalty for sabotage and terrorism. Informal sources said about 4,000 people had been arrested.

Rhodesian white moderates welcome relocation plan

Salisbury. — Rhodesia's multi-racial Centre Party urged the British Commonwealth on Friday to revise a system of safeguards to protect the legitimate interests of whites in the event of black majority rule.

The party issued a statement saying it welcomed suggestions by Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere for a Commonwealth-financed commission scheme which would enable whites to adjust to majority rule to settle elsewhere.

The statement also said a major obstacle to peaceful settlement in Rhodesia "lies in convincing whites who wish to remain in the country that their legitimate interests can be safeguarded after the advent of

\$100m. worth of heroin smuggled into U.S. by Air Force planes

Albany, North Carolina. — In furniture sent from a U.S. air base in Thailand, the three-count indictment, returned by a federal grand jury, was made public after 11 of the defendants were arrested in a series of coordinated raids by military police, federal agents and local police. Three of those indicted are already in jail, one in this country and two in Thailand.

The heroin arrived via Strategic Air Command planes at Air Force bases in California, North Carolina and Virginia, officials said, and was soon on its way to the streets of New York and other major cities.

Soviet and U.S. trade harassment charges

Moscow. — The Soviet Union has responded to U.S. charges of harassment against American diplomats in Moscow by renewing allegations of Jewish violence against Russians in New York had official back-

The Soviet response came in a report by the official Tass news agency declaring that "Zionist agents enjoying the patronage of U.S. authorities" had planted a bomb in the New York offices of a state trading company Amtorg.

The bomb, Tass said, had been set by chance in a toolbox by an Amtorg employee last week. The agency made no mention of a report by New York police that they had searched the company's building after a telephone warning on Wednesday but found nothing.

In Moscow, 23 different American households received a total of 70 harassing telephone calls last week, including in a bomb threat on Thursday which caused the temporary evacuation of the U.S. Embassy.

The U.S. issued a strong protest over the incidents both in Moscow and Washington, arguing that they could only have been officially organized since ordinary Russians have no access to the telephone

Morocco hunts Saharan leaders

Rabat. — Morocco has issued international arrest warrants for the Premier and other top ministers of the Saharan Arab Democratic Republic (SADR), the Moroccan News Agency said on Friday.

It said the eight members of the SADR government, which Morocco does not recognize, were responsible for the abduction of seven French citizens in the Sahara.

(Spain handed over control of the phosphate-rich Western Sahara to Morocco and Mauritania last month. Algeria opposed the transfer and supported the Polisario Front which proclaimed the SADR government. Its guerrilla forces have clashed with Moroccan troops.) (Reuters)

Holon and Acre draw away in 'A' Leagues

TEL AVIV. — Holon Hapoel yesterday extended its lead at the top of the League "A" Division South to two points following a 1-0 home win over nearest challengers Shaarayim Maccabi.

Acre Hapoel opened a four-point gap at the top of the League "A" North, beating Herzliya Hapoel 2-0 in Herzliya. Second-placed Netanya Betar did not play yesterday.

The top teams in each of the second divisions are all playing to gain a place among the first five at the end of the season. The top team in each of the divisions will enter the national league and the next four clubs will be promoted to "Liga Artzit" to be established next season, together with the last four clubs of the present National League.

Results of yesterday's matches:

LEAGUE "A" SOUTH

Holon Hapoel 1, Shaarayim Maccabi 0; Ashdod Hapoel 1, Rishon LeZion Hapoel 1; Ramle Betar 3, Beer Yaacov Hapoel 1; Marmorek Hapoel 0, Ramle Hapoel 1; Bat Yam Hapoel 3, Lod Hapoel 0; Ness Ziona 0, Ashdod Betar 0; Dimona Hapoel 1, Jaffa Betar 0; Beit Shמש Hapoel 3, Hashikma Maccabi 0.

LEAGUE "A" NORTH

Tel Hapoel 0, Hadera Maccabi 0; Nazareth Hapoel 1, Mahane Yehuda Hapoel 1; Safad Hapoel 1, Nafidil Hapoel 0; Tirat Hacarmel Hapoel 0, Ramat Gan Hapoel 0; Netanya Hapoel 4, Kiryat Shmona Hapoel 1; Tiberias Hapoel 3, Nahariya Hapoel 2; Herzliya Hapoel 0, Acre Hapoel 2; Kiryat Ata Hapoel 1, Herzliya Maccabi 1.

Standings

League "A" South

Team	P	W	D	L	G	Pts
1. Holon Hapoel	22	13	6	3	37:17	31
2. Shaarayim Mac	22	12	5	5	24:18	29
3. Ashdod Hap.	21	10	9	3	26:22	29
4. Yehud Hap.	21	10	8	3	25:15	28
5. Ramle Betar	22	9	8	5	26:25	26
6. Beit Shמש Hapoel	22	8	9	5	28:14	25

League "A" North

Team	P	W	D	L	G	Pts
1. Acre Hapoel	22	13	6	3	37:11	35
2. Netanya Betar	21	12	7	3	35:15	31
3. Ramat Gan	21	11	5	5	31:20	30
4. Hapoel	21	11	6	5	27:24	28
5. Hadera Mac.	22	11	8	3	42:23	28
6. Herzliya Mac.	22	8	9	5	23:17	25

Saudia said bidding for '84 Olympics

Zurich. — Saudi Arabia, with a budgeted expense of about \$3,250m. on sports facilities during the next five years, has announced its bid for the 1984 Olympics. "Neue Zuercher Zeitung" reported on Friday.

In a dispatch from Riyadh, the Zurich newspaper quoted the Saudi Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports as saying a covered stadium with a capacity of 80,000 people would be built in the Saudi capital by that summer.

Plans also provide for the construction of three other large stadiums in Jidda, Mecca and Dammam, three swimming pools, courses for rowing regatta, an ice stadium and an Olympic village. Two "sea cities" with hotels, restaurants, cinemas, a theatre and a mosque would accommodate visitors from abroad.

The newspaper said outlays were estimated at least double or triple the budgeted \$3,250m.

At Lausanne, a spokesman for the International Olympic Committee said it had some indirect inquiries about a Saudi Arabian bid. He said Iran is the only country that has formally bid for the 1984 summer games.

Karpov accepts compromise

BEograd. — World chess champion Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union has accepted a compromise formula to defend his title in 1978, the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug reports.

Dr. Max Euwe, Dutch president of the World Chess Federation, has proposed that six victories decide the title series, but allowing the reigning champion to retain his title in case of a 5-5 tie. However, the champion must also commit

All four English League leaders win, but Manchester U has game in hand



Queen's Park Rangers' David Webb, left, heads the ball past Manchester City's goalkeeper Joe Carrigan, right, and an unidentified defender, to score his team's only goal in their 1-0 victory in London yesterday.

Japan-Korea tie in 2nd pre-Olympic encounter

SEOUL. — Kunishige Kamamoto scored two goals to earn Japan a lucky 2-2 draw yesterday with favoured South Korea in the second encounter of their two-match series in the Asian Group 3 soccer qualifying round for the Montreal Olympics here today.

A capacity crowd of more than 30,000 watched the two sides finish the first half 1-1 at the Seoul stadium.

Kamamoto kept Japan's hopes alive in the three-way qualifying round, which also involves Israel.

The Japanese, who lost their first match with South Korea 2-0 in Tokyo last Sunday, must beat Israel twice to force a possible tie with South Korea or Israel. The Japan side meets Israel here on Wednesday and goes to Tel Aviv for the second game next month.

Israel manager-coach David Schweitzer, who watched yesterday's match, said Japanese backs Nobuo Kawakami and Takaji Mori were the men the Israelis should mark next Wednesday.

He said the South Koreans were strong, fast, but unlucky against the fantastic Japanese goalkeeper Tatsuhiko Seda.

Israel meets South Korea here on April 4 and the second match takes place in Tel Aviv on April 17.

The Israeli national soccer team, rated the most formidable team among the three, arrived here on Friday.

Our sports reporter adds: Reporting back here by telephone from Seoul, leaders of the contingent said they were happy with

Givatayim victor in Caesarea golf

CAESAREA. — Kay Robins of Givatayim yesterday won the individual Stableford golf competition with 37 points, beating Nissim Zinati of Or Akiva, who returned the same score but played an inferior back nine holes.

Alan Flans won the "B" division with 39 points, four better than Ellie Kirschner, and Yosef Shelleq of Or Akiva won the "C" Division with 39 points.

The Alliance four-ball team event, in which the two best scores count, was won by Eme Been, Zeev Avraham, Louis Zinn and Ellie Kirschner.



Muhammad Ali feints a poke at pelican-jawed wrestling champ Antonio Inoki at a New York press conference Thursday announcing a 15-round clash for the "World Martial Arts Championship" scheduled for end of June in Tokyo.

Ali to tangle with wrestling champ Inoki for 'martial arts' crown

By ED SCHUYLER (United Press)

NEW YORK. — "I've always wanted to meet a rascal," Muhammad Ali said at the week-end — and that's exactly what the heavyweight boxing champion will do in Japan on June 26 — for a guarantee of \$6.1m. dollars.

"That figure is legit," promoter Bob Arum said of Ali's purse for his match against Japan's Antonio Inoki, the National Wrestling Federation heavyweight champion.

"This will be serious," Ali shouted at a news conference formally announcing the match which will be seen on closed-circuit television. "This will be a fight to the death. No boxing. This will be serious."

"I wish he could speak English."

"I certainly hope Muhammad Ali will not duck at the last moment," Inoki said through an interpreter.

Ali shot back: "If I ain't afraid of walkin' down a back alley in Harlem, I ain't afraid of you."

"When your fist connects with my chin," said Inoki, "take care your fist is not damaged."

Ali then looked at Inoki's prominent jaw and promptly termed him "The Pelican."

The Ali-Inoki match will be seen in New York at Shea stadium, where a live boxer-wrestler meeting will make up part of a closed-circuit television doubleheader.

Arum said Inoki will receive the entire live gate in Japan — the match will be held in the 1,500-seat Budokan arena — and \$2m. from world television revenue.

Ali and Inoki said the bout will be winner-take-all, with the winner being recognized as the world martial arts champion. Of course, no title is at stake and the terms of the purses are set.

When asked if he didn't think his newest venture might be considered ridiculous, Ali, who will defend his boxing title against Jimmy Young on April 30 and probably against Richard Dunn May 25, replied:

"This is not ridiculous for me. This is the kind of thing I'm involved in. They (the public) want to know what will happen if Muhammad gets his arms twisted, if he gets his body slammed."

The rules have not been settled yet, but some tentative rules were announced:

The fight will end after 15 rounds, with the winner of a round getting five points and the loser four, or less, or when a contestant is rendered unconscious by a knockout or wrestling hold, is not able to get up before a count of 10 after being knocked down by a punch, or when a contestant's shoulders are pinned to the mat for a count of three.

"I want the right to punch when I'm down," said Ali. "I'm on my back. I want to be able to jab up. If I'm on my knees, I want to be able to punch down."

Ali also said he wanted to wear four-ounce gloves. The lightest boxing gloves are eight ounces.

A brief film was shown of Inoki in action and at one point Ali dashed up and hit the screen.

As the news conference drew to a close, Ali said to Inoki's interpreter: "Tell him I'm sorry his beautiful wife will have to witness this annihilation."

Ali then looked at the striking Mrs. Inoki and said to her husband: "Since you're speaking of winner take all..."

Inoki is 33 years old, Ali 34. Each man is 1.90 metres tall, and the boxer weighs 99.7 kg., the wrestler 112.7 kg.

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Wednesday, April 7 at 7.00 p.m.: Movie — The French Surrealists (A. Agassi)

Thursday, April 8 at 8.30 p.m.: Lecture — The French Ballet, by Mr. J. Lazzari

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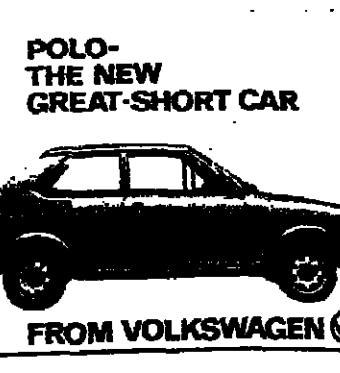
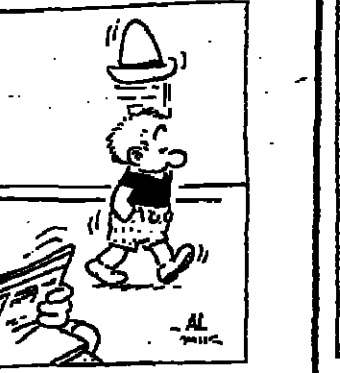
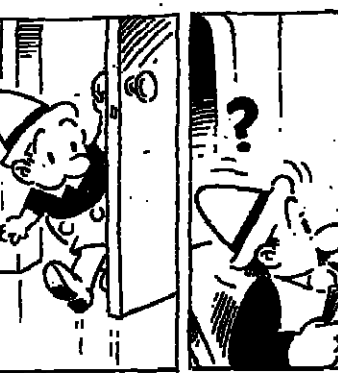
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Why we lack independent investment consultants

By J. VOET

WE DO NOT LACK problems in Israel and in the monetary sphere we have the difficulty of preserving the value of savings and, at the same time, earning an income.

There are plenty of investment opportunities: savings schemes, linked bonds, shares, land, houses, flats, life insurance. Even diamonds, coins and medals and stamps are sometimes recommended. But there is no disinterested adviser to help the would-be investor. This country lacks independent investment consultants.

The banks have more or less filled this gap. It is possible to get free advice on how to invest your money at nearly all bank branches in Israel. Some banks have even initiated special services to serve the investor.

The problem with this advice is, however, it is not really independent. The banks have an important interest in the money and the capital markets. The investment advisers are employees of a particular bank and their duty is first to their employer.

Some feel that this is done by advising the customer to the best of their ability, regardless of the position of their own institution in a particular investment field. By acting in this way, the advisers serve their customers well, which is ultimately the interest of their employer, the bank.

Others believe that the bank naturally wants to sell to its advantage. In plainer words, the bank wants to get rid of the stuff it considers unattractive. Whatever the

truth may be, the present position is far from satisfactory.

Some daily papers and the financial publications try to fill the gap by printing information on companies whose shares are obtainable to the general public. Although very welcome and in most cases indispensable, this information cannot substitute for the independent investment adviser.

Advice on what the individual should buy can never be couched in general terms. It has to be fitted to the particular need of the person requesting the advice. It is of necessity different for the wealthy man than for the individual with only modest means. Even if the amounts are the same, investment advice can rarely be identical. The age, and personal attitude has to be taken into account.

These matters are of course, beyond the scope of publications. Even medical treatment cannot be obtained from a book; sound investment advice is rarely available in manuals. Some, although not all, investment advisers employed by the banks try to take the various personal differences of their customers into account. But the objectivity of these consultants is open to doubt.

Although there is an obvious need for independent investment consultants, the few specialists who have tried to venture into this field have found out that not many Israelis are ready to pay the fees inevitably connected with the use of their services. They simply could not make a living.

Although in need of advice, Israelis prefer the advice of interested parties because it is given free. It is difficult to see how this situation can be changed.



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Eilat strike 'big blow to port's credibility'

By YAA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The month-long container terminal strike in Eilat Port caused direct losses totalling tens of thousands of dollars, but the indirect losses resulting from loss of good will and credibility are likely to be much more serious, shipping circles told *The Post* recently. It will take months to determine whether the clients will resume all their operations, or transfer some of them to the Suez Canal or other routes.

The Zim spokesman Elyahu Shragal said the company will do all it can to rehabilitate its lines and the overland bridge it operates in Eilat. But it will be up to the clients to resume using Zim services, which the company built up at great expense. Some clients had warned that they would withdraw their services if the strike lasted, he said, and it now remained to be seen whether they could be persuaded to return to Eilat.

Zim also suffered thousands of

dollars worth of direct losses, through the three-week hold-up of the container ship *Ashdod* in the port, as well as delay of dozens of containers.

The secretary of the Shippers Council, Aviel Mehalai, said he had already asked the Eilat port management not to charge importers and exporters storage fees for the containers that had been held up in the port, through no fault of their own, and the Zim management to forego the demurrage fees on the held-up containers. He, too, said it would take months before the indirect damage could be estimated.

Some exporters face the loss of their markets at least partially, for having failed to deliver their goods as contracted. It was also hard to estimate the damage caused to Israeli plants whose raw materials, including hides, had been held up in the port by the strike resulting in suspension or slow-down of production in the plants. "The strike struck a big blow to Eilat port's credibility and it will take months of hard and uninterrupted work to restore it. Another strike would be fatal," he stressed.

Defining the basic rent on a protected dwelling

The High Court of Justice discharged an order nisi calling upon the Government to show cause why regulation 2 of the Tenants Protection (Basic Rent and Rent for Dwellings) Regulations, 1975, should not be declared ultra vires.

This regulation provides that the basic rent for a dwelling shall be the rent paid for it immediately before the Tenants Protection (Rent for Dwellings) Regulations, 1973, came into force.

Regulation 1 of these Regulations, on the other hand, lays down that: "Despite anything to the contrary contained in section 46 of the Tenants Protection Law, 1972, 44 per cent shall be added to the rents paid immediately before these Regulations came into force, save that the rents shall not exceed the following maxima: (a) IL60 for a one to one-and-a-half room apartment; (b) IL75 per month for a two to two-and-a-half room apartment; (c) IL100 per month for a three to three-and-a-half room apartment; (d) IL125 per month for an apartment of four rooms and more; and provided further that the relationship between the new rent and the maxima laid down shall be the same as in section 46(1) of the Tenants Protection Law (that is, it shall not exceed the proportion between the basic rent and the maximum rent which applied to the same dwelling under the 1966 Rent Regulations)."

The petitioners, the Tel Aviv Landlords Association, petitioned the High Court of Justice, alleging that regulation 2 of the 1975 Regulations goes beyond the powers vested in the Government by sections 42 and 45 of the Tenants Protection Law (Consolidated Version) 1972.

Section 42 provides that: "The rent for a dwelling shall be the same as the rent which was payable for it immediately before 1971 (hereinafter referred to as "the basic rent") with such variations as may be prescribed by regulations under section 45 (hereinafter referred to as "variation regulations")."

Section 45 lays down that: "(a) The Government may make regulations varying the basic rent, but it shall not make such regulations more than once a year. (b) Variation regulations may prescribe gradual variations of the rent, to begin at different times, but such variations shall not occur more than once a year. (c) Variation regulations may prescribe rents above the maximum amounts and below the minimum amounts specified in section 46..."

Section 46 (1) lays down maximum rents with the proviso that

In the Supreme Court Sitting as High Court of Justice
Before Justices Landau and Shamgar and Judge Betsey.

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"the proportion between the rent and the said maximum amount shall not exceed the proportion between the basic rent and the maximum amount which applied to the same dwelling under the 1966 Regulations."

Section 47 lays down that: "Where a rent exceeding the basic rent by more than one third has been prescribed for any dwelling, the increase shall be effected gradually in such a manner that not more than one third is added to the basic rent in any one year."

The petitioners were granted an order nisi and on the return day Mr. Waldman appeared for the petitioners and Dr. M. Cheshin for the Government.

Judgment

Justice Shamgar, who delivered the judgment of the High Court of Justice, Justice Landau and Judge Betsey concurring, first discussed the interpretation of the above sections of the Tenants Protection Law. A study of these sections, which excel in obscurity and discrepancies, he said, reveals that "basic rent" is referred to in three places with two different connotations: in section 42, where it means a basic rent which changes with each variation regulation; in section 46, where it means the fixed invariable rent paid immediately before 1971; and in section 47 where it also means a basic rent which changes with each variation regulation.

Justice Shamgar then went on to consider the petitioner's arguments against the validity of regulation 2 of the 1975 variation regulations, in the light of the above analysis. The petitioners had argued, he noted, that the 44 per cent increase in rents, provided for in regulation 1 of the 1975 Regulations, was inconsistent with the provision in regulation 2 to the effect that the basic rent shall be the rent paid immediately before the 1973 Regulations came into force. But a study of the Regulations and their implications shows, he held, that the Government had raised the basic rent by 44 per cent of the rent as paid immediately before the 1975 Regulations came into force, as they were entitled to do; but had added

a saving clause making it quite clear that the proportion between the new rents and the new maxima should still not exceed the proportion between the basic rent as it was in 1971 and the maximum which applied to the same dwelling under the 1966 Regulations. This could be gathered, he explained, from the fact that "the rent payable immediately before the 1973 Regulations," referred to in regulation 2, in which "basic rent" for purposes of the proportion only is defined, is exactly the same rent as was payable in 1971, no changes having been introduced in the intervening period.

In short, held Justice Shamgar, there is no discrepancy between regulation 1 and regulation 2. In so far as there are discrepancies, he continued, and difficulties of calculation, they are to be found in the Tenants Protection Law itself, due undoubtedly to the vain desire to reconcile the conflicting interests involved. It was time, therefore, for the legislature to simplify and clarify the relevant provisions of the Tenants Protection Law which affects broad sections of the public and whose obscurity has led to so much superfluous litigation which could otherwise have been avoided.

Order nisi discharged without costs.
Judgment given on February 2, 1976.

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TEL AVIV. — There is no need to lower our standards of living — contrary to demands made to citizens by the Government — Manufacturers Association President Avraham Shavit said last week.

By working one extra hour per day, he told the Labour Party Young Guard, employees could raise their living standards by 10 per cent. He added that if unjustified absenteeism ceased, production would grow by about 10 per cent, or IL5,000m. a year.

Water use exhibition in May

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Breakthroughs in water economics, irrigation methods, domestic water saving devices and water treatment, storage and distribution systems are some of the items to be featured in the first comprehensive exhibition on water use in Israel, *Israqua-76*, to be held here May 17-21.

Local and foreign specialists will study current problems techniques established abroad. Field trips and a symposium covering various areas of specialization in water use will also be held.

Israel's success in exploiting all water resources is the main reason the exhibition is to be held in this country. Israeli farmers can effectively irrigate crops by permanent sprinkler and drip irrigation systems and increase the accuracy of water allocations to within five per cent of requirements. Many of the new irrigation control devices will be demonstrated.

The *Israqua-76* exhibition will be conducted at the Standards Institute which adjoins the campus of Tel Aviv University. Those interested in attending should contact the Israeli Centre of Waterworks Appliances in Ramat Aviv.

WALL STREET WEEK

The Dow holds the 1,000-mark

NEW YORK. — The stock market made another run through the 1,000 level in the Dow Jones Industrial Average last week, and this time it was able to gain a footing above that landmark point.

The closely-watched average of 30 blue chips went beyond 1,000 early Wednesday and stayed above it for the rest of the week, finishing with a 23.61-point gain at 1,003.46. It was the first weekly close for the Dow above 1,000 since January 1973.

The New York Stock Exchange volume remained fairly quiet by early-1976 standards, with daily turnover averaging a little over 23 million shares. Activity moved at a 30 million-plus clip in both January and February.

The Dow was taking its second shot at 1,000 this month. On March 9, through March 11, it touched that level five times, only to be pushed back on each occasion by profit-taking.

On Wednesday, by contrast, the average swept past 1,000 with no sign of hesitation and reached a three-year closing high of 1,003.21. Profit taking set in after that, but the Dow steadied and held in the 1,001-1,002 range.

Analysts said a major factor supporting the market was a strong rally in bond prices, which meant a decline in yields on long-term, interest-bearing securities.

Wall Streeters had become a bit uneasy in recent weeks over a wide

spread between bond and stock yields, fearing that it might prompt a flow of funds out of stocks and into bonds.

Brokers said investors also seemed to be looking ahead enthusiastically to first quarter earnings reports and the so-called annual meeting season between mid-April and mid-May. (AP)

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE Friday, March 26, 1976

This commentary and selected list of stocks are based on the quotations at 3 p.m. New York time one hour before the market closes.

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DEFUSING RAKAH

THE VAST majority of the heads of the Arab and Druse local councils have voted against taking part in the Communist-sponsored Arab strike against Galilee land expropriations. The vote of 35 out of the 48 Local Council chairmen against the strike does not mean that the strike will not take place on Tuesday; but it means that it will most likely remain a purely Communist affair.

The fact that the majority of the Arab leadership felt that it could only vote against the strike in a secret ballot for fear of recriminations and retaliation from more volatile members of their communities should, however, give pause to both Arabs and Jews of good will.

One thing is becoming clear, however: the events of the recent weeks around the issue of land expropriation in Galilee have seen the beginning of the emergence of a new element of responsible Arab and Druse leadership in Israel, in the form of the Union of Arab and Druse Local Authority chairmen, and the first successes of this new body. This is an important development for the future of the Arab and Druse minorities and for their relations with the State. This new leadership, though still in its embryonic stage, is filling the void between the old-time traditional leadership which still dominates a large part of Arab life in Israel, and the virulently nationalistic leadership of the Communists.

This new middle-of-the-road leadership has racked up initial successes in having the area of land slated for expropriation appreciably reduced and in persuading the Lands Authority to review the compensation that is to be provided. The Arab minority does not have the power, nor the right to veto the development of Galilee; it does have the right to demand that it share equally in the fruits of this development — demands that must be pursued by democratic means.

The Arabs and Druse form a large part of the population of Galilee and an even larger part of its underdeveloped population. They urgently require a housing programme of major scope to house a burgeoning population; local industry to provide jobs so that not all male villagers have to travel scores of kilometres to earn their daily bread; better schools for their children; more roads, water lines, electricity, and telephones. In short, despite the truly remarkable material progress of Israel's Arabs and Druse of the past 28 years, they need fuller — and speedier — integration into the Israel of the 1970's.

Certainly Rakah cannot be permitted to pose as the only defender of minority rights in Israel. Official Israel must realize that the Arab leaders who voted against the strike on Thursday were putting their political careers and community status on the line. What must be done now is to enhance their political position by supporting the legitimate needs of their communities for economic development and social integration.

Dry Bones



ISRAEL PRESS

Arab strike voted down

DAVAR (Histadrut), commenting on the decision by the heads of Arab local councils to reject the call for a general strike on March 30 to protest the seizure of land in Galilee, notes that the overwhelming majority rejected the proposal and only a single Rakah Mayor voted against, with 14 others abstaining or not participating.

"The sole reason for the strike call was political incitement by Rakah. Of the land seized, only 6,000 dunams were owned by Arabs, with the rest owned by Jews or the state. There are no grounds for charging that the victims are mainly Arab villagers from Galilee villages and Nazareth. The instigators sought to get the Arab citizens of Israel involved in the West Bank unrest," the paper says.

HATZOFE (National Religious)

describes U.S. ambassador William Scranton's speech at the Security Council as evidence of a marked change in U.S. policy towards Israel, particularly as it was made at the Security Council meeting convened to confirm the Arabs' hostile resolution. "Whether Scranton decided on his own to say what he did, or the entire speech was written for him by the State Department, the speech marks a worrying change in administration policy towards the Middle East. One may assume that the White House and the State Department are not particularly upset over the Israeli protests," the paper concludes.

HARETZ (Independent) is concerned over the shrinking labour force in industry compared to the growing number employed in commerce and public services.

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THE ARAB governments have already made clear that their price "ending the state of war" is outrageously greater than anything that Israel can concede. Their price is total withdrawal and a PLO State between Israel and Jordan. By relinquishing the political and human conception "peace" in favour of a legalistic formula ("end-of-state-of-war") we do not generate a softer Arab position.

It would require great innocence to believe that the statements by Presidents Sadat and Assad are unauthentic or reversible. They were, in fact, totally predictable. The whole "end-of-state-of-war" gambit may therefore have passed from conception to demise without any intervening period of respiration. The hawks have nothing to worry about. Those who accept deadlock should find the latest episode congenial. It is the moderates who ought to be concerned.

But even if the ship has passed on towards the future, it has left some ripples in its wake. One of the dangers is that Israel, by calling for an agreement to "end the state of war," may have inadvertently admitted for the first time that a legal state of war exists. This admission would be a retroactive reflection on the legitimacy of our past military and political struggles, and could have adverse effects on our future diplomacy. One of these adverse effects is that Israeli spokesmen at very high levels have begun to tell us in every speech that a peace agreement is hopelessly Utopian. What the Security Council defined in 1967 as a reasonable demand is now portrayed by some Israeli Ministers as a Messianic dream. Thus the "withdrawal" demand stands alone in the operative diplomatic field and the deadlock becomes tighter than before.

ILLEGAL CLAIM

In the past, we have strenuously resisted the Arab claims to a legal "state of war" and have sometimes won international support for our resistance. Israeli governments have described belligerency not as a legal situation, but as an illicit, unilateral, arbitrary Arab "claim" from which no rights can ensue at Israel's expense.

The first phase in this discussion opens with the General Armistice Agreements of 1949. The Israeli contention was that even if "classic" armistice agreements left belligerent

THE WORLD Communist movement today is marked by heterogeneity. The large French and Italian Communist parties, whose independence from the USSR was amply demonstrated at the recent party congress in Moscow, are hardly typical.

Most Communist parties throughout the world are embryonic groups entirely dependent on Moscow (sometimes on Peking) and completely without influence. The El Salvador Communist Party, for example, consists of some 20 elderly persons who now live in Moscow or Prague. It is these parties that form the overwhelming majorities at every Communist event, and they are used by Moscow as it sees fit.

All these parties get their full financial support from Moscow, but control is also exercised in other ways. It helps if the foreign Communist leader has a member of his family living in the Soviet Union. This was the case with Eugene Dennis, the late general secretary of the

American Communist Party, whose son, Timur Timofeev, is now an influential official in Moscow.

A variety of methods is used by Moscow to exploit the small Communist parties. These may be used for subversive activity in their respective countries, or to intimidate their Government, or even for propaganda purposes within the Soviet Union. When it was thought necessary, Moscow has not hesitated to betray a Communist party. Only when Soviet relations with Nasser-ruled Egypt deteriorated did Moscow suddenly remember the Arab Communists who were languishing in Egyptian prisons.

But how can the Kremlin use Rakah — the Israeli Communist Party? This is a small group consisting mainly of Jewish masochists bent on self-destruction. Strictly speaking, Rakah is not a Communist

READERS' LETTERS

EMOTIONS AND ARAB POLICY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — We are being constantly told about Egypt's enormous economic difficulties, her deficits, deficiencies and external debts. Presumably the motive is to reassure us that Egypt will not start, or join in, another war in the near future. This may be true or not; however, it should be remembered that Arab policies are frequently based on emotion rather than logic and economic facts. And there have been many cases throughout history of nations starting wars of aggression in order to divert the attention of their own people from their plight.

GOLDA'S RETURN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — In her autobiography, Mrs. Meir has expressed her sorrow at not having followed her instinct to call up the reserves and thus possibly prevent the Yom Kippur War — the war in which my only child gave his life.

In light of this regret, I think Mrs. Meir should involve herself in the many unmet needs and unsolved problems arising from bereavement and handicapping disability resulting from the Yom Kippur and other wars instead of stepping into unofficial government to make peace among her quarrelling party.

I can offer many suggestions regarding serious problems which could be solved by Mrs. Meir's active interest.

SUE ZORAR DESHEH

Jerusalem.

Sir, — I am afraid that I cannot let Mr. Raphael's letter of March 21 go unchallenged.

In my opinion, the stand taken by the majority of the bereaved parents and by many political leaders, even of Mrs. Meir's own party, is understandable and logical.

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Further reflections on 'state of war'

By ABBA EBAN



Whether belligerency was a mere Arab "claim" as Israel asserted or an actual "state" of affairs as the Arabs declared — "all claims or states of belligerency" had to be terminated. Thus acceptance of 242 does not impair Israel's position that the "state of war" is an unsubstantiated Arab claim, not an established legal condition.

It would be unfortunate if, after all these efforts, an Israeli government were now to concede that there has ever been any legitimacy in the Arab doctrine of a legally permissive state of war. If there is a permissive at-

titude to a legal "state of war" we give judicial sanction to many aspects of Arab hostility in the past. We also open the way to the idea of a "legitimate" boycott and a "legitimate" diplomatic war against Israel. The least that our government can do if it wishes to respect our national jurisprudence, is to call for an agreement terminating "the Arab claim to the existence of a state of war."

CONCRETE CONCEPTS

The Government should ask for a review, not of the anachronistic legalistic pur-Charter jargon about "a state of war," but of concrete political concepts formulated in 242 — peace, withdrawal, secure boundaries. To reach a common understanding with the United States on these issues is worthy of renewed effort. Alternatively it would be salutary to examine the possibility of an "interim agreement" with Jordan, based not on doctrinal definitions but on the empirical principles that have been effective in the 1975 Egyptian-Israeli agreement. That agreement only came within view when our negotiators wisely abandoned legalistic formulation about "non-belligerency" which had confused the negotiation in March 1975, in favour of the concrete, pragmatic undertakings which preoccupied us in May and June.

In April 1975 Secretary Kissinger told me how absurd it was to try to solve political problems by legalistic formulas. If he has changed course I see no intellectual reason to follow him. The correct response would be not to injure American-Israeli relations by a refusal, but on the contrary, to go beyond the American suggestion into a readiness for total clarity on our territorial positions. This is what the United States has been seeking since the signature of the Syrian Disengagement in 1974, which marked the high point in American-Israeli relations.

The saving grace of international lawyers is that they recognize the

limitations of their own craft. Thus it was an eminent jurist who voluntarily wrote me the following good counsel last year:

"There is a general questioning in qualified circles, which competent legal advice cannot brush aside, whether the legal condition of 'war' is compatible with the legal regime emanating from the Charter. But deeper than that it has to be asked whether any Israeli interest is served by insistence on its part that its relations with the Arab States are legally those of war, governed by the traditional laws of war."

After discussing the possible effects of such an acknowledgment on neutrality legislation in various countries, as well as the legal standing of the Arab boycott and blockade, "posited as legitimate incidents of economic warfare on Israel," the jurist concluded:

"De facto war of course there is, and it must be brought to an end in a de facto way. This requires above all concentration on its factual manifestations avoiding hasty and perhaps superficial employment of this or that quasi-technical expression of unclear meaning and implications."

Professor Nathan Feinberg is just as emphatic on this point in his scholarly article in Davar (5.3.1976), which deserves careful study by jurists and politicians alike. He writes: "It is difficult to understand why the Israel Government decided to approach the United States Government with the request to draw up an agreement on ending the 'state of war' and thus in effect to renounce the demand for the conclusion of a peace treaty."

DANGEROUS CHANGE

I reiterate my conviction that a change in our established jurisprudence could endanger political interests accumulated during our international struggle across the past 28 years. Since the initiative has not yet elicited any favourable Arab response or led to any formal commitment, it may not be too late to return to our essential claim: a negotiation in which we call for all the elements of a peaceful regional order and offer territorial concessions corresponding to the Arab response. I cannot believe that the United States would refuse to join in a common review of these issues. The key to our political future lies at this moment in Jerusalem, not in Washington or Cairo.

Rakah and the USSR

The only positive thing that can be said for Israel's Communist Party is that it has joined Jews and Arabs in a single grouping. Could the same feat not be accomplished by a patriotic Israeli party, asks MIKHAIL AGURSKY.

party at all, but only a pro-Moscow grouping. Its actions are dictated not by ideological considerations but by Moscow's political line, which calls for absolute obedience to its orders.

Rakah's platform is replete with declarations of internationalism, and one would have thought that such an altruistic position would constitute a good basis for friendly relations with the Arabs. But this has not proved to be the case. No Arab

country, whether its orientation was to the right or to the left, has ever invited a Rakah delegation for a visit, nor has any Communist party in an Arab country ever conducted bilateral negotiations with Rakah. Its "internationalism" has proved to be a one-way street. The Arabs apparently do not want to see any Israel in the region, not even a red one.

WHERE, EXACTLY, does Rakah figure in Soviet plans?

Apart from serving as a typical puppet at Soviet events, Rakah serves to mask the growing Soviet anti-Jewishness throughout the world. Rakah's existence is also a form of blackmail vis-a-vis Arab countries that are not loyal to the USSR. It has long since been observed that the attention the Soviet press pays to the Israeli Communists is in inverse ratio to the friendliness of its

relations with the Arab States. Praise for Israeli Communists in the Soviet press constitutes an indirect expression of Soviet support of Israel on the particular point that happens to be at issue.

Although Rakah is recognized as a legitimate political party, it is actually nothing less than the agent of a hostile foreign State. On the other hand, Rakah is one of the few Israeli political groupings that actively embraces Arabs and Jews. Would it not be possible to find a basis for an effective Arab-Jewish grouping on a different platform?

Rakah has made political capital from the alienation of Christian Arabs in Israeli society. Now that the very existence of Christian Arabs in the Arab world is in jeopardy, something should be done to woo Israel's Christian Arabs away from Communist influence.

(The author's father, Shmuel Agursky, in 1919 was a founder of the "Yevsektsia," the Jewish section of the Soviet Communist Party.)

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As was specified in our letter to Mr. Peres, the incident in question did not occur in any of the "sensitive areas" within administered territory. It happened at Hadassah Hospital in West Jerusalem.

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